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PATENT

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(Case No. 01-057)

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In the Application of: )  
Chevalier )  
Serial No.: US National Phase of PCT/FR99/01871 ) Examiner: TBA  
Filing Date: Int'l Filing Date July 29, 1999 ) Group Art Unit: TBA  
For: Trimer of HIV env )  
Gene Expression Product )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

At page 17, line 22, please delete "(publication?)".

In the claims:

*Please cancel claims 1-10 and add the following new claims:*

11. (New) A composition comprising a purified trimer of a naturally-occurring or recombinant HIV gp160, wherein the trimer:
- a) binds to CD4;  
b) binds to an anti-gp120 antibody capable of neutralizing HIV infection of cells *in vitro*;

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